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STRIKE CRISIS **UPINSUPREME COURT TODAY**

Arguments on Constitutionality of Eight-Hour Law to Be Presented:

COMES UP AS TEST CASE

"Strike Not an Impossibility," Is Belief of Head of Engineers.

Interest in the national railroad strike crisis today centers on the Supreme Court of the United States, where argument for and against the constitutionality of the Adamson eighthour law will be presented.

The Department of Justice, representing the Admnistration which has exerted every effort to avert the threatened strike will defend the Adamson law from attack by a brilliant array of attorneys representing the railroads.

Among the spectators in the Supreme Court chamber will be Warren S. Stone, grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who arrived in the city last night.

To Make Report.

Although Stone will take no part in the legal proceedings today it is expected he will make a report on them to the brotherhood chiefs, who will assemble in conference in Chi-

He said that while he could not speak authoritatively without consult-ing the other leaders of the brother-hood, he believed "a strike is by no means an impossibility" if the Adamson law is not sustained.
' He said "the situation is serious,

and added that "it is up to Congress and the Supreme Court."

To Push Measure

While argument in support of and against the eight-hour law is being heard by the Supreme Court, Congressman Adamson will renew his efforts for the prompt passage of his new blanket railroad bill which he considers "court proof."

To the meantime the Senate Inter-state Commerce Committee is expect-ed to meet, and give serious consid-eration to the Administration's pro-grem for additional railroad legis-

The eight-hour law comes before the Supreme Court of the United States today on a test case brought by the receivers of the Missouri, a woman who said she saw the Colbert is expected in the Senators who want to make Oklahoma, and Gulf railroad. The district court of the Western district Missouri granted the receivers an forcing the provisions of the Agam-

The Government brings the case to the highest legal tribunal in the country to review the decision of too lower court which held the law un-

Printed briefs summarizing the contentions of both sides have been sub-

mitted to the Supreme Court. Davis To Open Argument.

resenting the Department of Justice. He will be followed by Walker D. Hines, chairman of the committee on counsel for the railroads. Practically all the railroads in the United States will be represented by one or more whether all of them will address the Supreme Court has not yet been de-

Particular interest centers in argument of Attorney Arthur Miller, who represented the Missouri. Oklahome and Gulf railroad in the test proceedings last fall, and won the initial battle for the railroads In addition to the Solicitor General, the Government will be represented by Frank Hagerman, special assistant to the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Underwood, and G. Carroll Todd, assistant to the Attor-

GRAY REFUSES TO SPEAK

Resents Attack on President

Philadelphia Meeting. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Because certain remarks at a meeting to protest against the deportation of Belgians by Germany criticised President Wilson, Judge George Gray, of Delaware, formerly of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and member of the joint the Government expects to get a con-Mexican commission, refused to speak yesterday at the meeting in the Acad-

my of Music. Judge Gray sat on the Academy stage with the other speakers. Preceding him James M. Beck, of New York, closed a recital of the wrong to the Belgian nation by charges of supineness and in-activity on the part of the United States lovernment through it all.

'All these horrors," Mr. Beck said, ould have been prevented and could have been prevented in this country by

Judge Gray walked across the platman of the meeting was sitting.

Resolutions condemning the deportanake formal protest were passed,

GERARD ASKED FOR REPORT ON SPEECH

State Department Wants His Version of Remarks at Berlin Banquet.

The State Department today cabled Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, requesting a report on the speech he is said to have made at the banquet Vote-to Be Taken Tomorrow on of the American Association of Commerce and Trade at Berlin last Saturday night.

The department said the request was not to be taken as as indication that the department was displeased with Mr. Gerard, but that in view of the report that he had said "never since the beginning of the war have the relations between Germany and the United States been as cordial as now," the department wished to get a

correct version of his speech.
Officials said anything Mr. Gerard may have said in his speech was en-tirely a personal expression of opin-ion, and should not be considered as reflecting the attitude of this Gov-

NEW PROBE IS ON IN MODEL'S MURDER

Executive Says Mystery Will Be Solved No Matter Who Is Involved.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Bessi Colbert, sister of Mazie Colbert, the murdered model, declares that her sister had received death threats from man who was not Bernard W. Lewis, scapegrace son of a wealthy Pitteburgh family, who committed suicide in his Atlantic City apartment while detectives were seeking him in connection with the murder.

John Colbert, brother of the slain girl, asserts that the detectives are simply taking the "easiest way" fastening the crime on Lewis and endeavoring to clear up the case, and has appealed to Mayor Smith.

Mayor Smith, in response, has declared that justice must be done, and the mystery solved, no matter who is involved.

More letters written by Lewis, one twelve and one fifteen days before the murder, show that at that time he was contemplating suicide.

The Kyle girls, with whom Lawis spent some of his last moments on earth, says Lewis hands showed no marks when he danced with them after the murder. These "marks," seen only by the detectives, were said

to have been made in his supposed struggle with Mazie Colbert. On Woman's Trail.

at a hotel. His movements from this argument and fear they will not get time on are all accounted for

of Missouri granted the receivers an injunction restraining the Federal and of a day which only served to add furstitutional. He takes the position forcing the provisions of the Agent (Continued on Tenth Page.)

EGGS 75 CENTS HERE

Strictly Fresh Variety Reach That Price Per Dozen.

The record price for eggs in Washington since 1911 was reached today Verbal argument will be commenced when they were retailed by several already made up his mind how he today by Solicitor General Davis, rep- uptown dealers at 75 cents a dozen, would vote. This was the price of strictly fresh oggs of the best variety.

> Cold storage eggs were quoted at the wholesale market at from 37 to 40 ed in some form, but the drys cents a dozen

There is a prospect of the price hitched to the bill. dropping within the next few days dealers believe, provided the weather AUTO RUNS WILD; TWO HURT remains as it is at present. Warm weather is the greatest egg producer

"OSBORNE" TO TESTIFY

Charles H. Wax, Wholesale Wooer,

to Face Rae Tanzer. NEW YORK, Jan. 8 .- Charles H. Wax, the heart smashing Oliver Osborne, who declared he and not James W. Osborne took Rae Tanzer to a New Jersey hotel, probably will face that girl today when he testifies in the perjury trial of Franklin D. Safford, clerk at the hotel. Safford declared in Rac Tanzer's

\$50,000 breach of promise suit against James W. Osborne that James W. was the Osborne he saw enter the hotel with Miss Tanzer. Wax's person, his writing, and his

testimony are the points upon which If Wax testifies it will be his first public appearance since his arrest in Chicago, when he was revealed as a

love pirate who had disappeared with money given him by nearly 200 girls to whom he proposed in various parts it stopped.

\$25,000,000 MORE IN GOLD Transported in 20 Trucks Through

New York Streets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 .- Gold amounting to \$25,000,000, one of the largest "I shall have to ask to be relieved shipments received in a single day from speaking at this meeting," the since the present movement from orige said. "I'm sorry, but this is too abroad began, arrived here from Hallertisan. I was told that the meeting ifax. Nova Scotia, and was deposited at the sub-treasury.

Twenty automobile trucks, tion of Belgians into Germany and call- with armed guards, were required to Colonel Cody is being cared for here great war, but sum up his on the American government to transport the gold from the railroad at the home of his sister, Mrs. May sions that the time is not yet ripe for station to the sub-treasury.

EXPECT TIE ON REFERENDUM IN THE SENATE

Sheppard Bill and Underwood Amendment.

VICE PRESIDENT IS ABSENT

Unless Votes Are Changed From Previous Poll This Will Mean Tie.

With the Senate under agreement to vote on the District prohibition bill tomorrow afternoon and likewise on the Underwood referendum and other amendments to the bill, a canvass of Senators today shows that on the basis of a full membership in attendance or paired the result on the refer-

endum will be a tie.

When the Senate in Committee of the Whole before the holidays voted on the referendum the referendum was defeated by a tie vote. Vice President Marshall was absent. Had he been present he would have voted for the referendum. The Vice President is out of the city and will not be here when the vote is taken to

The calculation to the effect that a tie may be repeated tomorrow rests on the assumption that Senators will all vote as they did before the holidays in committee of the whole, But is not a certainty that there will be no changes. In fact it is quite possible that several Senators will change front on the matter.

Under the circumstances the utmost ncertainty prevails in the Senate to day as to the outcome of the referen The bill itself will command enough votes to be passed, or without the referendum

Much Depends on Attendance.

One of the uncertain phases of the absence of Senators. It is by no means sure that all of the Senators will be either present or paired. Sen-ator Gore is in a hospital, but a pair has been arranged for him. He is against the referendum on District rohibition.

Several Senators absent today may r may not show up in time for a vote. Supporters of the referendum con-sidered the plan of wiring the Vice President to return in order to vote off a possible tie. This course was not taken, however.

time to do so tomorrow. Senator that the District prohibition bill is not simply a local matter, but that it would affect interstate commerce, and thta residents of the District cannot legally vote on a matter of interstate

Whether the two rival mass meetings which were held here yesterday, one for the referendum and one against it, will affect the result, cannot be told. It is believed, however, that every member of the Senate had

Nation-wide interest is voiced in the outcome of the voting tomorrow, at 4 alike on the bill itself and on the 5:40. referendum. Practically no doubt is entertained that the bill will be passnot look on the action as more partial gain if the referendum is

Big Truck Runs Through Crowd at Car Stop ..

Two persons about to board a south bound Ninth street car at New York avenue northwest shortly before 10 o'clock today were knocked down and hurt by an automobile truck of the Cranford Paving Company, which ran through the crowd when the brakes refused to work. Harry L. Kuehan, fifty-two

old, of Baltimore, and H. E. Clarkson, forty-six, of 1014 Florida avenue northwest, were the victims. Kuchan received a scalp wound and injuries to his back, and Clarkson escaped with lacerations of the left leg. Believing their injuries were serious, were rushed to Emergency Hos-

pital, but after treatment, left the in-John Collins, colored, driver of the truck, who lives at 217 Twenty-second street northwest, told Capitol Policeman Stephen O'Dea, who was in the crowd, that the truck had just come out of the shop, and that when he at-tempted to stop behind the car the brakes did not hold. He turned the truck toward the curb. The front truck toward the curb. wheels went up on the sidewalk, and

BUFFALO BILL DYING

All Hope Relinquished for Famous Plainsman and Showman.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 8 .- "Colonel Cody's condition is unchanged. There is practically no hope for his recovthe present movement from ery," Dr. J. H. East, the attending

Owing to his extreme weakness the proposed trip to Cody, Wyo., Buffalo his own personal efforts toward peace such Bill's old home, has been abandoned, and his desire for stopping of the Decker.

NEAR BLOWS AS FINANCIER TAKES STAND IN LEAK PROBE

WHAT WITNESSES SAID: JOSEPH TUMULTY, Secretary to President Wilson, emphatically denied all knowledge of the note until told by a newspaperman of its

LAWSON AND CONGRESSMAN

issuance. He safd he had taken Ambassador Gerard, who wanted to invest in some bonds, to the office of W. B. Hibbs & Co., of this PRESIDENT WILSON, as quoted with authority by Secretary Tumulty, said: "I wish, in justice to Mr. Tumulty, to say that he has

stated the exact fact. He had no knowledge of the note whatever

until it was given out for publication." ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State, told of the preparation and dispatch of the peace note, gave the names of men who had handled it at the State Department and of how it had been set up in type at the Government Printing Office. He said three men besides members of the press were in his office on the morning of December 20-the day the stock market broke on the rumor of a peace note-when he announced confidentially that the note was coming. These men were R. Gaylord and Dr. M. T. McLean, of the United States Navy, who were about to sail for Haiti, and C. H. Snowden, a manafacturers' agent, of New York.

THOMAS LAWSON, of Boston, reiterated his charges of leaks—"leaks from the Supreme Court, from the Senate, advance information from Cabinet officers, advance information even direct from the White House." He said he could not give names. "To do that I would have to be principal conspirator and beneficiary," he said.

CONTROL OF RICHES PORTUGUESE NOW DENIED CHANOLER

Supreme Court Rules He Can- Officers of Expeditionary Force not Manage His New York Estate.

John Armstrong Chaloner, author of the "Who's looney now?" telegram to situation concerns the presense or his brother, Sheriff Bob Chanler, when the latter married Lina Cavalieri, opera singer, today was refused control of his big estates in New York by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Chaloner, who is a great-grandson of John Jacob Astor, possesses an estate valued originally at about \$1,500.

One. Under the care of an administrator, his holdings were increased considerable. considerably by careful management

it is said.

He made an attempt recently to have the Supreme Court of the United States increase his allowance from \$17,000 to \$24,000 a year.

The police are now on the trail of a woman who said she saw the Colbert girl alive after Lowis had registered day from Senators who want to make time he is held to be insane in the and fighting line. New York State, while in Virginia he has been adjudicated same.

MOON IN TOTAL ECLIPSE

Invisible in Capital From 2 Until 3:29 This Morning. Lung, the inconstant, went into

complete retirement this morning. From 2 until 3:29 her rays were invisible in Washington. The moon entered the penumbra in which part of the sun's light is cut very good training and exceptional

off at 11:35 last night. At 12:50 she met the dark shadow, and an hour and ten minutes later was completely at 4:40, and cleared the penumbra at The eclipse was visible to inhabit

ants of Central America, western Eu-rope, northwestern Africa, North and South America, and the central and east Pacific. The phenomenon was witnessed by a number of local scientists at the Naval Observatory.

Washingtonians who retired too early will have another chance on official statement. December 28, 1917, when another total eclipse is promised. Seven eclipses are scheduled for the year, but this will be the only one visible in the

PRESIDENT FACES BUSY DAY ported.

Will See Correspondents and Many Official Callers. A busy day faces President Wilson

today Washington correspondents talked

with him at 12:30. Other engagements are: Lawrence Woods and Harrison Nes-

bitt, 2:15 o'clock. Senator Kern and commettee; Senator Overman, Senator Simmons, Ed Goltra, Congressman Humphries of Mississippi, Congressman Hollend of Virginia, and Assistant Secretary osevelt, from 2:30 to 3:30 o'clock. Col. Robert Ewing, of New Orleans,

Joseph R. Truesdale, 4 o'clock. Dr. R. E. Chambers, 4:15 o'clock.

3:30 o'clock.

definite steps.

NOT TIME FOR PEACE

Pope Will Declare in Note to U. S. Rome Reports Say. ROME, Jan. 8.-Pope Benedict will declare the present moment inoppor-

tune for a peace movement in notes to Germany and America, the newspaper Messagero asserted today. According to this source, the notes will be practically identical in terms and will be dispatched by the Vatican Wednesday. In them, the Messagero declares, the Pope will narrate the enemy was sanguinarily repulzed.

AID ALLIES IN WEST

Tackling Many New Problems.

THE FIELD, Jan. 5 .- (Delayed) -- Officers of the Portuguese expeditionary force have arrived here preparatory to fighting on the western front, and are tackling enthusiastically their new problems.

Authorization to cable this news was given for the first time today. Beginning of Activities. Presence of these Portuguese of-

ficers in France marks the beginning of Portugal's actual participation in righting activities. The officers express their impati-

ence to consummate their country's entrance into the war by actual con-

They have a smart appearance, beng dressed in uniforms very similar to the French officers, with a touch of the British blue-gray in the material, brown leggings and a cap recipient of advance information shaped like the British officers.

Plenty of Seventy-Fives. It is understood the Portuguese forces are plentifully equipped with ies regularly constituting a part of ture of the morning session of the the Portuguese division formation. less in grasping the tricks

FOCSANI CAPTURED

Germans Take Fortified Town and

Nearly 4,000 Prisoners. BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Jan. 8 .-- Focsani was captured by the concerned, the committee obtained Germans yesterday, with 3,910 pris- little. It was a day of denials and oners, according to today's German sarcastic colloquies, engineered by

Forcing back of Russian forces from the strongly fortified main mass of Odobesti to Putna, and storming. note was written and given to the in hand-to-hand fighting, of enemy positions south of Milcovu, was re-

"Pushing beyond, we gave the enemy no time to settle in second-line positions on the canal between Forsani and Yarestea," the statement continued.

"This position was pierced, and pressing further, we crossed the road from Focsani to Bolotesti. "This morning Focsani was captured. From the conquered fortifications we took 3,910 prisoners, three cannons, and several machine guns.

FRENCH PATROLS FIGHT.

PARIS, Jan. 8 .- Patrol engagements in the Bouchavenes region and the forest of Parroy were reported in towas said there was nothing im-

today's official statement asserted. describing the Roumanian campaign

BULGARS MAKE GAINS.

RUSSIANS GAIN GROUND. BERLIN (via Sayville wireless). Jan. 8.-Russian forces which attacked again yesterday with strong columns on a front west of the road from Riga to Mitau, succeeded in broadening somewhat the terrain gained January 5 on the Aa river, today's official statement said. Elsewhere, however,

coust Line's "Florida Special," Florida's finest train. 3 other all-stee delly, 1466 New York are, nu. - Advt.

Sensation Follows Sensation as House Rules Committee Resumes Inquiry; Boston Witness Bitter.

VIOLENT LANGUAGE BY EXAMINER

Chiperfield Intimates He Is Ready to Stop Talk With Physical Attack; Lansing and Tumulty Testify. .

The high lights of a thrilling day in the investigation were: Exchange of bitter language and a near-personal encounter between Thomas W. Lawson and Congressman Burnett M.

may have been responsible for it.

gressman Wood apologize for bring-

ing his name into the affair. The testimony of Secretary alusing giving a physical history of the note, and the development that the President wrote the note himself and with-

out aid of any White House sten-

Outstanding Events.

These were but the outstanding events at a hearing that was replete with the lilinois member as the standard of the lilinois member as the standard that was repleted to the lilinois member as the standard that we have the standard that we have the standard that the lilinois member as the lilinois members of the with thrills and as diverting as any

ever held at the Capitol. Adding to the general interest of the proceedings was the presence in the hearing room of Barney Baruch, the Wall Street operator, who is alleged to have shared in the bear raid.

There were also created to Value. There were also present Otto Kahn, recipient of advance information

about the peace note. Gripping Feature.

The near encounter between Con gressman Chiperfield and Thomas W. 75-millimeter field guns, these batter- Lewson was easily the gripping fea-

ommittee.

Mr. Lawson, claiming that he had been insulted, informed the commit tee that he was able to take care of trade peculiar to the western battle himself and Mr. Chiperfield, ing under Lawson's statement, that Chiperfield had made "a cowardly, false accusation," broadly intimated that he was about ready to put Mr Lawson out of business with a smash

on the law. Little Information

So far as actual information was Mr. Lawson and Mr. Chiperfield. Secretary Lansing threw no upon the alleged leak, but merely de-

Alfred H. Curtis, of New York, and F. M. Lockwood & Co., brokers, were subpoensed as witnesses during the

hearing.

Furnishing No Names. When the committee took recess for lunch Mr. Lawson was testifying in a tranquil manner, but furnishing no names in support of his charges of a leak, and the participation by members of Congress in stock specu-

As Lawson finished his verbal fencing, a hysterical woman dashed out gressman Foster. Mr. Lawson was of the crowd of men and women and called to order. put her arms about his neck, talking

rapidly to him. Bitter Controversy.

"Let him go just a bit further and day's official statement. Elsewhere he won't testify any more today, said Congressman Chiperfield, at the Finance," interrupted Mr. Lawson. height of his controversy with Lawson soon after the financier began by some member of this committee to testify. The men were within two SOFIA, Jan. 8 .- "We have reached feet of one another at the time and sarcastic vein, as Lawson looked at ach was glaring at the other. the lower course of the river Sereth,' Jerry South, sergeant-at-arms for

Secretary Tumulty's state-

ment and testimony before

the Rules Committee will be

found on Page 3 of this edi-

tion of The Times. Secretary Lansing's evidence before the committee will be found on Page 2.

Sensations followed one another in rapid succession today as the House Committee on Rules, before a throng of spectators that jammed the large hearing room, continued its investigation of an alleged leak to Wall Street on the President's

Chiperfield of Illinois, a Republican member of the Rules Com-The refusal of Mr. Lawson to give the committee any names, either of those who profited by the leak or of those who

THREAT BY CHIPERFIELD.

Congressman Chiperfield's threat that if Mr. Lawson went "a bit further" he "will not be able to testify any more today."

Secretary Tumulty's vehement denial that he had any connection with the leak, and his demand that Control in the leak in t gressman Chiperfield Accused By Chiperfield.

Chiperfield had just accused Law-

on of "laying a four flush on the table," and "dealing in finuendo and insinuations against members of

he asserted that "he didn't propose be buildoxed by this committee any member of it."

Asks for Penalty. "What's the penalty; what's the penalty here for saying what I want to?" yelled Lawson in the confusion. Congressman Chiperfield is a six-foote and weighs probably 225 pounds. Mr. Lawson is slightly under that height, but isn't a small man himself. The near personal difficulty between the men caused a quiet shuffling back of chairs near the committee table

Jerry South, another bulky individual, remained standing by the side of the Boston man until the fraces showed As he took his seat Mr. Lawson declined to go on with his statement, say-ing that he had been "insulted" and "I

natinctively scented trouble.

can be of no further use to this co

Submits to Questions. He promised to submit to question but asserted he would not proceed with a direct statement unless permitted to do so in his own way. Congressman before he fairly began.

The trouble started when Mr. Law-son attempted to say something about the Senate, evidently having reference to Senator Stone, who assailed Law son on the floor of that body recently "I said when I made these 'leak charges," said Mr. Lawson, "that ! expected hell to be lambasted into me by Congress. I was right. As soon as

the Senate opened a leather-lunged sewer-mouthed old blatherskite Foster Expostulates.

"Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, he must not talk of the Senate or a Senator in that fashion," expostulated Con-

It was at this point that Mr Chiper field said he Roped the Lawson charges "would have a denouement far more reaching than that of Frenzier Finance. 'I am sorry I ever wrote 'Frenzied

"It cost me a million or so, I am

sorry it couldn't have been written

This latter sentence was in rather Chiperfield.

"Knows A Four-Flush." "Well, I know a four-flush when you lay it upon the table in front of me," sharply responded Congress

man Chiperfield. "Look here, I don't deal in cards. I know nothing about tards," snapped Lawson. "But I will just say I have never in all my experience seen a man sit on a committee of this sort and attempt to tell a private citizen. who is trying to help the committee. what he is going to get now treat the

The committee told me was started off that I would get f

dense intime in such a wit